

Opportunities for Homeschooling Families

Homeschool students looking for a smooth transition to college life should consider Prairie State College (PSC). Many families have chosen PSC as the next step after completing their homeschool education.

Enhancing the Homeschool Education

Advanced homeschool students can take college level courses while being homeschooled. For parents who find it challenging to teach Spanish or laboratory science, for example, an option is to enroll their advanced high school student in courses at PSC.

A Complete Campus

For over 50 years, students have been drawn to PSC's high academic standards. PSC offers associate degrees to prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities as well as career programs that prepare students for immediate employment.

Supportive Learning

At PSC, students can take advantage of small class sizes and a supportive learning environment. PSC's highly qualified faculty are invested in helping students achieve goals.



Tools for Success

Students can learn in PSC's up-to-date laboratories and smart classrooms. Student services include academic and transfer advising, career development services, and personal counseling.

Campus Life

- Intercollegiate athletics program for both men and women
- Students activities such as Student Government, Speech Team, and College Bowl
- Clubs such as Art Club, Black Student Union, All Latin Alliance, and Political Science Club
- Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society of community colleges

Unique Course Offerings

Honors Program

Students who want to enhance their college experience can take courses in the Honors program. Honors classes offer a unique learning experience, stressing depth of coverage, discussions, and creative assignments. Students can take most of their general education requirements in Honors courses.

Learning Communities (LC)

LinC courses bring students and professors together as a community of learners. Together they explore two courses and find connections between them. National studies have shown LinC courses improve student learning and success.

Service Learning

Service learning is a method of teaching and learning that combines classroom instruction with hands-on experience in the community. There are several service learning opportunities available each semester.



Proficiency Credit

Another opportunity to receive college credit is through proficiency testing. This can be done through departmental examinations or CLEP testing. Proficiency credit can be received in subjects such as English, economics, history, and math. Students interested in proficiency testing should contact the Testing Center at (708) 709-3558 for test dates and applicable fees.

Free Class for High School Seniors

Students can try college life by taking a class at PSC with no charge for tuition. Students can take advantage of this offer beginning the summer before their senior year. Registration, laboratory fees, and the cost of books and supplies are not included. Online classes are not part of this waiver. Students must meet eligibility requirements and complete the admissions process to enroll.

Eligibility requirements:

- High school senior
- Student must provide a high school transcript
- Residency in the PSC district
- GPA of at least at 2.5 on a 4-point scale
- Appropriate COMPASS placement test score

Admissions Process for All Incoming PSC Students

1. Meet with an academic advisor to complete the admissions application.

The academic advisor for homeschool students is Shelley Tekeste. To set up an appointment, call Ms. Tekeste at (708) 709-3641 or e-mail stekeste@prairiestate.edu.

2. Take the COMPASS placement test.

To ensure the maximum potential for all students, PSC requires basic skills assessment in the areas of English, reading and math. For a listing of COMPASS test dates, or contact Ms. Tekeste.

3. Meet with an academic advisor to discuss the COMPASS test results, select an academic program and register for classes.

To make an appointment, contact Ms. Tekeste.

4. Pay tuition and fees.

For more information about tuition and fees, contact the Business Office at (708) 709-3577.

For More Information

For questions about opportunities for homeschooling families contact Shelley Tekeste, enrollment advisor, at (708) 709-3641 or e-mail stekeste@prairiestate.edu.

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